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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEVOFLOXACIN HEMIHYDRATE	Customer No.:	<u>24239</u>

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Request hereby is made under the provisions of 37 CRF §1.36 and 37 CFR §10.40 for the withdrawal of the undersigned (Registration No. 39983) and attorneys associated with Customer No. 24239, as attorneys of record in the above-identified US Patent Application.

The above identified application is owned by Neuland Laboratories Limited, as evidenced by enclosed cover sheet of the corresponding PCT application of which the current application was a 35 USC §371 filing thereof. The undersigned attorney, being an attorney of Moore & Van Allen PLLC under the Customer Number 24239, has been contacted by the foreign representative of applicants and requested the return of all files as evidenced by the attached email.

Currently the above-identified application has no outstanding office action. The undersigned attorney requests that all attorneys associated with Customer Number 24239 be granted the right to withdraw from representation of the above-identified application according to the request of the applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Marianne,

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Thank you, we will await further instructions.

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(54) Title: AN IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEVOFLOXACIN HEMIHYDRATE

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an improved process for preparation of Levofloxacin hemihydrate having single individual impurity not more than 0.1% and free from particulate matter and from the other enantiomer (R-form) which comprises dissolving levofloxacin technical grade in aqueous alkaline solution, treating the resulting solution with activated carbon at room temperature, removing the undissolved particulate matter filtration, bringing the pH of the aqueous alkaline levofloxacin solution to neutral using dilute mineral acid, removing the precipitated particulate matter by filtration, acidifying the resulting solution, treating the acidified solution with activated carbon at room temperature, filtering the undissolved particulate matter by filtration, neutralizing the acidic solution, filtering again to remove any particulate matter present and, extracting the resulting product with chlorinated solvent and concentrating under vacuum using aqueous tetrahydrofuran or in admixture with other organic solvents to get highly pure levofloxacin hemihydrate having single individual impurity is less than 0.1% and free from particulate matter and from the other enantiomer (R-form).